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Election/Restriction

The Office has entered a restriction requirement in accordance with 37 CFR §1.499, grouping the claims as follows:

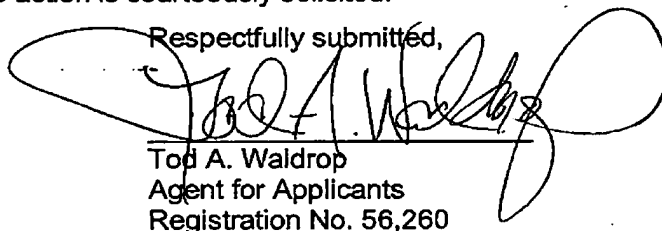
- Group I:** Claims 1 – 5 and 8 – 10, drawn to a process for preparation of a concentrate, classified in class 510 subclass 405.
- Group II:** Claims 6 – 7, drawn to a concentrate composition, classified in class 424 subclass 401.

For prosecution in this Application, Applicants elect Group I, namely Claims 1 – 5 and 8 – 10, drawn to a process for preparation of a concentrate, without traverse or prejudice, and reserve the right to resubmit a divisional application on the non-elected Group II.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the restriction requirement is now satisfied and the examination of this Application on the merits can now proceed. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, he may contact Applicants' representative. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

An early and favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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